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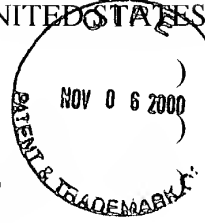
In re application of

John Liu et al

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for Aerospace Applications



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Petition for Extension of Time

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Sir:

Per 37 CFR 136(a), Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2000, for three additional months from August 19, 2000 to November 19, 2000.

Please charge the appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 01-1000 to cover the cost of the extension. This sheet is enclosed in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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